In-patients in the General Hospital, Ernakulam.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

113. Of the in-patients in the General Hospital at Ernakulam during each of the last five years,

(a) how many were (1) Cochinites, (2) non-Cochinites ?

(b) how many were (1) Tamil Brahmans, (2) Nambudiries, (3) Nayars, (4) Other caste-Hindus, (5) Christians, (6) Muhammadans, (7) Jews, (8) Konkani Brahmans, (9) Valans and (10) Others ?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

Under the Standing Orders nominal registers and the registers of classes and sexes are to be preserved only for a year. It is not, therefore, possible to furnish information except for the year 1100.

(a) Cochinites 2,922; non-Cochinites 464 in 1100.

(b) According to the registers in use, the patients are classified under 'Europeans and Eurasians', 'Muhammadans' 'Hindus' and 'Other classes'. It is not, therefore, possible to furnish the statistics in the form called for.

The Depressed Classes Development Society.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

114. Will the Government be pleased to inform

(i) what the Depressed Classes Development Society has done for the last one year?

(ii) what the object of Government was in constituting that Society ?

(iii) whether the Government have spent any amount for the last one year towards the working of the Committee, and if so, how much ?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

(i) The huts in the Pulaya Colony were repaired and rethatched, trees were planted, *mattoms* and fences were put up; various other items of work were also carried out under the supervision of the Society. Bamboo mat industry was also carried on under the management of the Society.

(ii) The Society was not constituted by Government.

(iii) No amount was spent by Government towards the working of the Society. The Society is only the agent of the Government for managing the Colony.

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Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

In answer to sub-division (1) it is stated that the bamboo mat industry was carried on under the management of the Society. Is it not now carried on ?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

It is carried on even now.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

By whom was it constituted and for what purpose ?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

I think it was constituted by the members themselves. I am not in a position to answer it. What I can say is Government have not constituted it. Government have no information.

The Perumkulam Tank in Nalleppalli.

Mr. A. EACHARA MENON.

115. Will the Government be pleased to state whether its attention has been drawn to the dangerous condition of the western bank, near the turning to the west, of the Perumkulam tank of Nalleppalli and also to the general insanitary condition of the same ?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

The western bank of the Perumkulam tank in Nalleppalli near the turning to the west is reported to be not in a dangerous condition. The general sanitary condition of the tank is similar to that of other public tanks in the place.

The Kunnamkulam Town Improvement Committee.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

116. Will the Government be pleased to inform :

(a) on what date the Kunnamkulam Town Improvement Committee was formed,

(b) the strength of the Committee and the number of officials on the Committee,

(c) the number of meetings the Committee had every year, and the number of meetings attended by each one of the official members,

(d) whether the Government has passed any orders fixing the period of the present Committee,

(e) whether the Committee has got any financial or executive powers ; and if not ,

(f) whether the Government received any representation from the Committee to invest the Committee with some powers; and if so ,

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